

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re **PATENT** application of:

Applicant:

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FILTER ELEMENT AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

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## **REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In view of the following amendments and remarks, further and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

## **AMENDMENTS**

## In the Specification:

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph on page 13, lines 16-26 with the paragraph shown below. The changes made to the paragraph on page 13, lines 16-26 are shown in the attached Appendix.

– A fixture block 86 is provided for application of the screen material 80 to the filter media, this block 86 having a pocket 88 with dimensions corresponding to the cylindrical shape of the filter media. Specifically, the pocket 88 has a width corresponding to the outside circumference of the cylinder and a length corresponding to its axial length. The filter media's pleats 24 are placed within the pocket 88

